

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0053] as follows:

[0053] However, the electrodes are typically inserted as leads in the spinal column. The spinal column is protected by vertebrae. ~~Anterior~~ Posterior, the vertebrae have extending processes and lamina. ~~Posterior~~ Anterior, the vertebrae have a bone body. As such, access to the spinal cord and the spinal foramen is limited by these solid structures. However, the spinal foramen may be ~~aeceess~~ accessed through peripheral foramen or between lamina of adjacent vertebrae and the lead directed in the superior or inferior directions with a bent needle.

Please amend paragraph [0054] as follows:

[0054] Figure 10 depicts the spine and spinal column. In one exemplary embodiment electrode leads may be inserted in the spinal foreman 120 about the 3rd, 4th or 5th lumbar vertebrae. However, ~~posterior~~ anterior access is limited by the bone bodies (112, 114, 116, respectively) of these vertebrae. In addition, ~~anterior~~ posterior access is limited by various processes and laminae 118. Furthermore, it may be desirable to direct the leads in a superior or inferior direction inside the spinal foreman. In this case, a bent needle with removable stylet may be useful.